

(b) detecting the mutant AGT fusion protein using the label in a system designed for recognizing and/or handling the label.

REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 4-11, 14-22 and 44-47 are pending for prosecution. Claims 3, 7, 12-13 and 23-43 have been cancelled. Claims 1 and 10 have been amended. No new matter is believed to have been added.

The Examiner has objected to the specification for two reasons, the first because in the U.S. published application, boxes erroneously appear in the specification where Greek letters and a mathematical symbol should appear and secondly, because according to the Examiner, claims 6 and 7 are duplicative.

Applicants respectfully traverse these objections. The PCT publication, attached hereto, does not have any of the problems in the specification referred to by the Examiner. These problems stem from the U.S. publication of the specification, not the Applicant's preparation of the application. Applicants would welcome a telephone conversation to discuss the issue if this would be helpful.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1 and 10 have been amended and claim 7 has been cancelled. No new matter is believed to have been added. The Examiner is thanked for his careful review of the claims and the proposed amendments. Although applicants traverse the

rejection of indefiniteness under 35 U.S.C. §112 second paragraph. amendments have been made to expedite allowance of the claims.

Points 1-6 in the office action dated March 10, 2011 on pages 2-3 have been noted and the claims have been modified accordingly.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims as amended are definite and allowable.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that this case is in condition for immediate allowance. Early and favorable consideration leading to prompt issuance of this Application is earnestly solicited.

Applicants petition for a one-month extension of time and authorize that \$65 be charged to Deposit Account No. 14-0740. Please charge any deficiencies to the same Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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